

CHAPTER NEWS

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WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

William Jewell
College won first
place in the

Twenty-Seventh Annual National Contest in Public Discussion, outranking teams from twenty-six other colleges and universities in the United States. Participants had a maximum of twenty-five minutes to answer, via tape, the 1978 national topic, "To what extent should pornography be excluded from Constitutional guarantees

of free expression?"

The tape competition at William Jewell was a winterim project directed by Barry Salsbury, instructor in communication and director of forensics. As reported in *The Liberty Shopper News*, he commented, "Traditionally, Jewell has done quite well in this contest, but this is the first time, we've been the national winners. This is definitely one of the proudest moments of my professional career. The group was tremendous, and even though we worked hard, we had fun, too."



NATIONAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION CHAMPS

Standing, left to right: Barry Salsbury, coach; Keith Kopp, and Duane Reed. Seated, left to right: Mary Bledsoe and Karen Kerr. Not pictured is Tim Mensendick who did the taping and editing.

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**WHEATON
COLLEGE**

Reporter: Edwin A. Hollatz

This past year has proved to be the most successful in the one hundred years of intercollegiate forensics at Wheaton College. Incidentally, Wheaton and North Central Colleges, both Pi Kappa Delta schools, hold the honor of sponsoring the earliest known judged intercollegiate debate in America, held November 20, 1878. With North Central on the affirmative and Wheaton on the negative, the topic was "Resolved: that religious freedom should be tolerated in the United States." The judges felt that North Central had the stronger arguments but that Wheaton did a better job debating, so the debate was declared a tie. A follow-up debate, scheduled in February of 1879, was won by Wheaton.

To round out the centenary, the Wheaton squad won 151 awards for the 1977-78 season, an all-time record at the college. There were sixteen students competing in debate and twenty-one in individual events. Senior Butch Maltby set a record by winning fifty-nine awards for one season, including two national championships. His four-year all-time record is 117 awards, including six national championships and five state championships. This year Wheaton tried something new in debate competition — participation in a few Cross-Examination Debate Association tournaments. Having to travel to the western half of the United States, Cheryl Smith and Butch Maltby, who competed in only four CEDA tournaments, ranked seventeenth in the final standings of the total of more than twenty tournaments involving sixty-two colleges and universities. Of schools participating in four tournaments or less, Wheaton ranked first. It is the opinion of the Wheaton squad that CEDA provides a very healthy and competitive alternative to the type of debate associated with NDT; moreover, CEDA serves as a remedy to the excesses and harms (?) of NDT type debate. Wheaton hopes that CEDA will continue to grow and expand, especially in the eastern half of the United States.

For the second year in a row, Wheaton ranked among the top ten colleges on the basis of overall season records in debate and individual events. In the two national individual events championships, Wheaton qualified for both the AFA and NFA tournaments. At the AFA in Normal, Illinois, Wheaton was represented by Cheri Coons, Butch Maltby, Celeste Roney, and Cheryl Smith. Maltby took first in extemp. and fourth in oratory. Smith was semifinalist in informative speaking. In sweepstakes competition Maltby took eighth and the team tenth. At the NFA in Monmouth, New Jersey, Wheaton was represented by Bob Bork, Cheri Coons, Tim Coffin, Ruth Livingston, Butch Maltby, Celeste Roney, and Cheryl Smith. Maltby took second in extemp. and in impromptu and was semifinalist in rhetorical criticism and quarterfinalist in persuasion. He also took fifth in pentathlon. In the National Taped Individual Events Tournament, Maltby took first in persuasion and second in rhetorical criticism.

It will be difficult to beat the 1977-78 record, but Wheaton has thirty tournaments planned and expects to travel from coast to coast in 1978-79.

**UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN—
EAU CLAIRE**
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Reporter: Grace Walsh

Ruth Brenner, a senior, won first place at the 105th Annual Interstate Oratorical Association Contest on May 4-5 at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. The event is the oldest intercollegiate speech contest in the nation.

It was her second national championship in a row. Last year she took first place in persuasive speaking at the National Forensic Association Tournament.

"It is a long way from the local university selection, through the annual state contest, then on to nine different judgments in three different rounds of competition to be named one of the twelve semifinalists in the Interstate Oratorical

Association Contest," commented Grace Walsh, director of forensics.

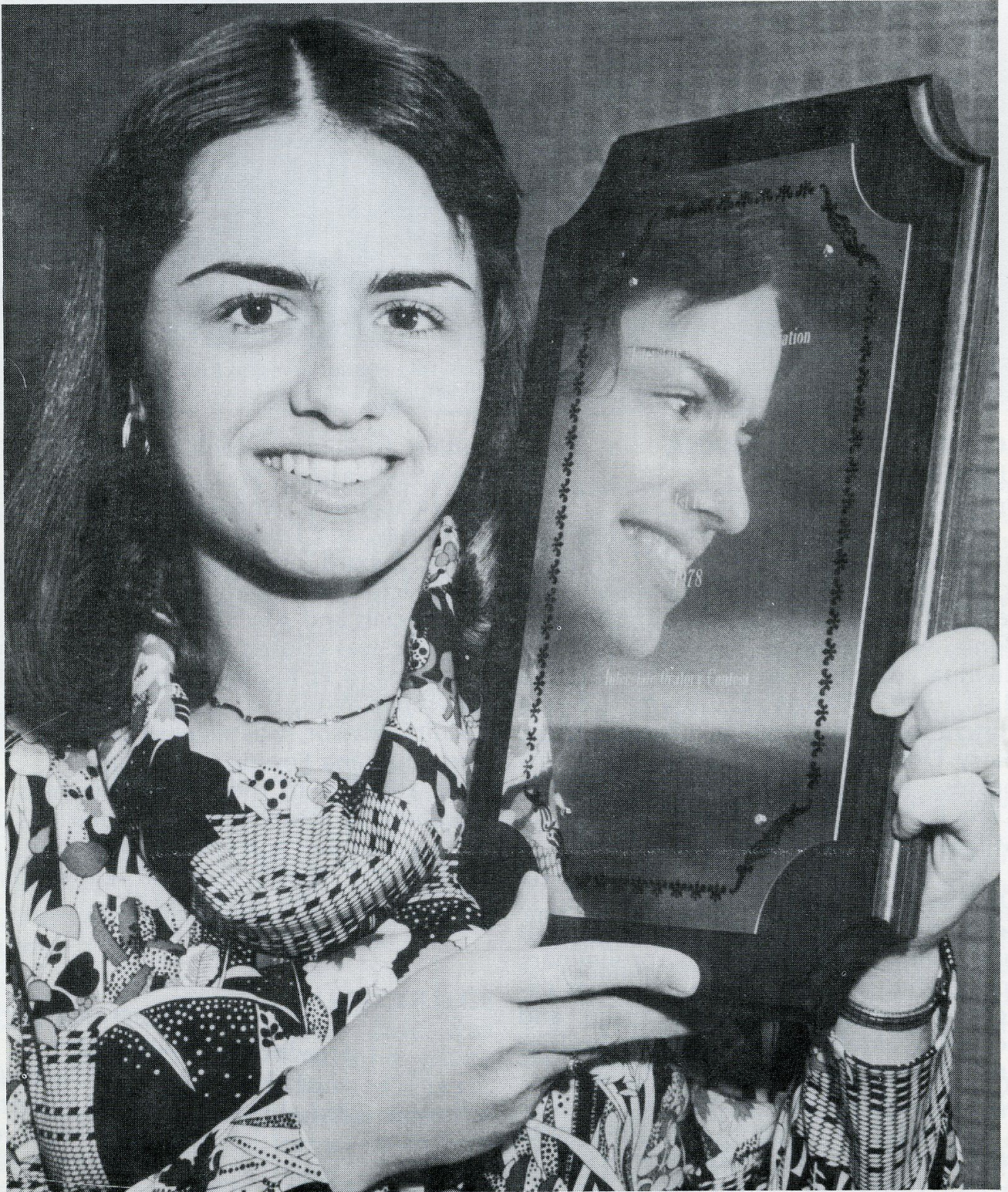
Rick Hudson also moved into the semifinals at the Interstates.

Brenner also reached the quarterfinals in extemporaneous speaking at the National Forensic Association Individual Events Tournament.

Brenner's win marks the sixth time UW-Eau Claire has won the championship at Interstates. Previous winners were Joan Reidy (1953), Ralph Zimmermann (1955),

Jocelyn Gilbertson (1956), Richard Duesterbeck (1961), and John Rindo (1976). Duesterbeck was Brenner's speech coach at Durand High School.

A banquet for members of the Eau Claire forensic teams was sponsored by the Pi Kappa Delta chapter. Trophies were awarded to the students by Walsh and Robert Lapp, instructor of speech and debate coach. Walsh noted that this has been the most successful year in forensic history at the University.



RUTH BRENNER, FIRST PLACE WINNER AT INTERSTATES



Enjoying the gains of Eau Claire's highly successful forensic year are (left to right) Rick Hudson, Janet Koss, Mike Wartman, Lisa Huber, and Ronny Greaney.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Lawrence E. Woodard

The "continued, if modest, progress" predicted in the October 1977 *Forensic* for Southeastern Louisiana University was realized in 1977-78. Fifteen different students won trophies in debate or individual events: Lisa Amacker, Connie Berthelot, Randy Duncan, Cherie Hutchinson, Ed Loughlin, Christyn Raby, Barry Drufner, Dennis Dunn, Mike Ferbosses, Phil Secord, Neil Richardson, Craig Passman, Terri Miller, Charline McMillian, and James Edmonston.

The top debate team of Secord and Drufner won first place open division at Southern University in February. They not only went undefeated in preliminary rounds but had impressive wins over excellent teams (Middle Tennessee and Scranton) in elimination rounds. Drufner and Secord also competed at the NDT Qualifier at Houston in March.

Our chapter entered the maximum entry at Pi Kappa Delta Provincials in Arkadelphia and sponsored an invitational tournament at Mardi Gras

which attracted schools from California, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Kansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

Mr. Secord, our chapter president, was very active on committee work at the Provincials, and Mr. Drufner, our debate captain, was chosen as the Louisiana ambassador to Pi Kappa Delta. In April, Dr. Lawrence Woodard, SLU's Pi Kappa Delta faculty advisor, was elected president of the Louisiana Forensic Association.

In addition to the serious business of competitive forensics, our chapter has an annual banquet and semiannual picnics in which the touch football games are traditional, if not spectacular.

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LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Marty Beasley

Ted Luquette, left, president of Pi Kappa Delta, and Judy Milgate, right, vice-president, present books and toys to Professor Guy



Useful Gags at Louisiana Tech (see story)

Leake, center, director of the speech and hearing therapy clinic at Louisiana Tech University. The books and toys were originally presented to members of Pi Kappa Delta as "gag awards" at the annual barbeque supper. Initiation of new members and installation of officers were also held at the event which took place at the Louisiana Tech camp on Lake D'Arbonne.

Other new officers are Stanley Stava, external vice-president, and Esther McGuire, reporter-historian. New members are Stanley Stava, Judy Milgate, Esther McGuire, Steve Frybarger, Brenda Carter, Marianne Frazier, and Robert Alums.

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WILKES COLLEGE

The date was 1948, the place Wilkes College, and the event the formal establishment of debate

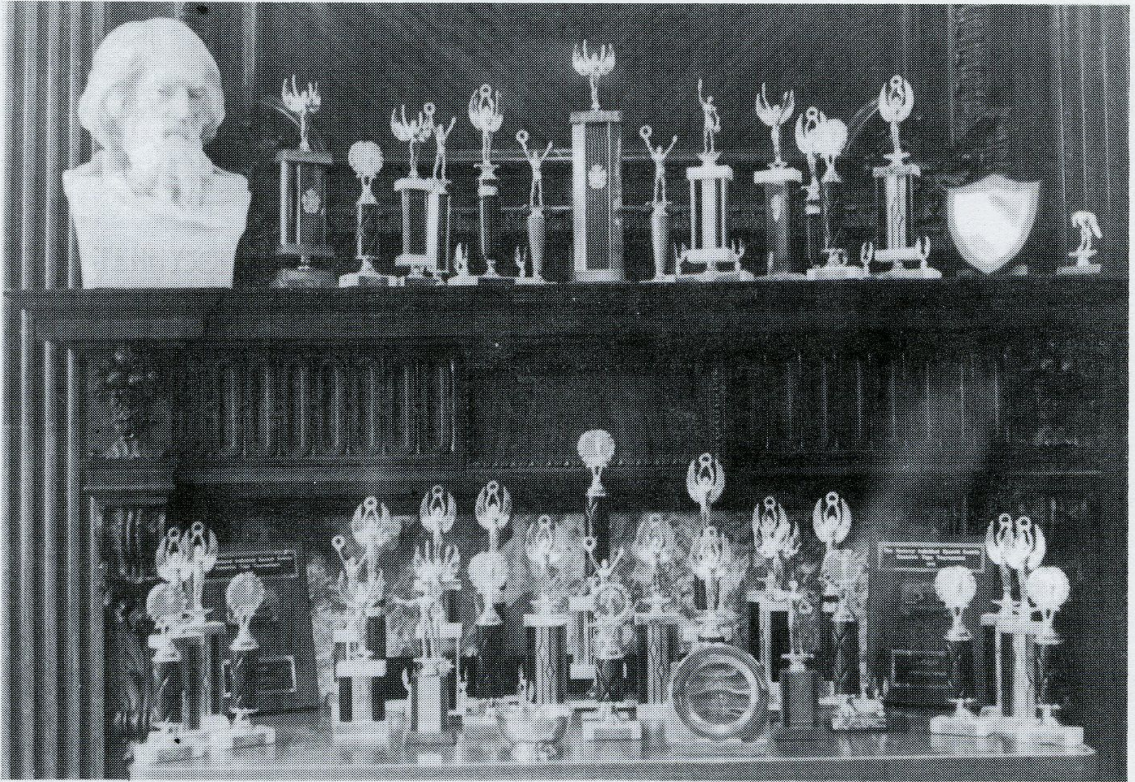
competition on the campus of Wilkes College. Thirty-one years have passed, and

the tradition established those many years ago continues to grow. The Wilkes debaters have completed the best season ever for the institution. Having traveled over 5,000 miles while attending twelve tournaments, the members of Pennsylvania Omicron brought back to Wilkes-Barre the outstanding number of seventy-five honors/trophies. They soundly smashed the old record which had stood for some twenty years.

The forensic unit has been unbelievable growth. Started just two years ago, it is one of the largest squads on campus. Wilkes has traveled to many high schools and has served both as observers and participants in assemblies and tournaments. In addition the chapter hosted the successful "College for Kids — Debating Made Fun — Program" for the past three summers.

With many members graduated, the 1978-79 season appears to mark the beginning of a building period; however, a full schedule is being developed and freshman recruitment is in full swing. St. Louis, here comes Pennsylvania Omicron!

"Hardware" Won by Pennsylvania Omicron in '77-'78



NFA Hosted by New Jersey Alpha (see story)



MONMOUTH COLLEGE

Reporter: William Yaremchuk

Dr. William A. Yaremchuk, director of forensics at Monmouth College, New Jersey, presents the first place pentathlon speaker award to William Allen Young of the University of Southern California. Mr. Young set a new National Forensic

Association record for speaker points with 83. He took first place in impromptu, informative speaking, and poetry interpretation and sixth place in prose interpretation.

The Eighth Annual NFA Championship in Individual Speaking Events was hosted by New Jersey Alpha, April 20-24, 1978.

LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE

Reporter: Steve Hunt

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northwest**

Oregon Beta chapter had an outstanding year in 1977-78; and we are looking forward to 1978-79.

Lewis and Clark finished third in the nation for colleges of its size in Jack Howe's National Sweepstakes in 1977-78. Accomplishments of which we are particularly proud include: best overall

showing at the Province of the Northwest Tournament held at the Empress Hotel, Victoria, B.C., second consecutive winning of District II NDT, eighth place overall at the AFA National Individual Events Tournament, and seven firsts or seconds in sweepstakes during the year.

Lewis and Clark would like to see a revival in debate to match the upsurge of individual events. We feel that every forensic program should have debate, individual events, and a public forum of some kind.

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The Local Chapter's Opportunity for National Exposure

Let the rest of the fraternity hear about your doings. Send news reports to:

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Please type (double space) all reports. Clear black and white photographs are welcomed.

**Announcements About The
Topic Selection Committee**

- The permanent mailing list for the Topic Selection Committee is kept by Jack Rhodes, Department of Communication, University of Idaho, Salt Lake City, UT 84112. Write him if you are not on the mailing list and would like to be (one ballot per school).
- The chairman of the Committee for this year is Carl Flaningam, Department of Speech, West Virginia Wesleyan University, Buckhannon, WV 26201.
- Pi Kappa Delta's representative is H. Francis Short, Kansas State College, Pittsburg, KS 66762. Send him your ideas for topics before February 1, 1979.

Secretary's Page

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many of the supplies and printing must be ordered for the convention, with payment due within thirty days of delivery. We want to keep our credit healthy and to operate on current funds. These additional costs, together with the cost of *The Forensic*, will be paid for with the chapter fees. We sincerely hope that as students become eligible for membership their applications will be sent to this office for early processing before the preconvention work commences.

Memberships this past year have been the lowest in many years. There are some obvious reasons for that, such as cancellation of tournaments because of the horrendous weather of last winter and spring, but we are looking forward to a reversal of that trend. We reiterate again: *the local chapter is the heart and soul of Pi Kappa Delta, and the forensic squad and the sponsor/coach have the power to make the national forensic honorary a vital, exciting organization.* In order for students to find out what Pi Kappa Delta is all about, attendance at province and national conventions is a must. There is competition, but there is also fellowship and camaraderie not found in many other

organizations. We as an honorary have a reputation for being innovative, and we have proven it over the years. We want all of you to be a part of new beginnings, to keep the things of the past which are good, and to use these skills in whatever endeavor you choose to pursue. Winning the debate at all cost, regardless of means, does not typify the goals of the late seventies, and we hope not of the eighties.

There are many ways a chapter can raise money to go to St. Louis next spring. Now is the time to plan and work for such financial necessities. Perhaps through the tournament which is being held on your campus you can raise some of the money for Pi Kappa Delta, instead of simply adding the national convention to your debate budget.

Read *The Forensic* and find out what is new and what others think. Send in your memberships and chapter fees.

At the PKD National Convention the business of the fraternity is transacted, with each individual having a voice and each chapter having a vote in the proceedings. If you want change, be present and be heard. With enthusiasm, work, and creativity, it is probable that we shall see you in St. Louis in April at what we hope will be one of the largest and most successful conventions in our history.

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When the St. Louis PKD Nationals will be held?

What's unique about a PKD Nationals?

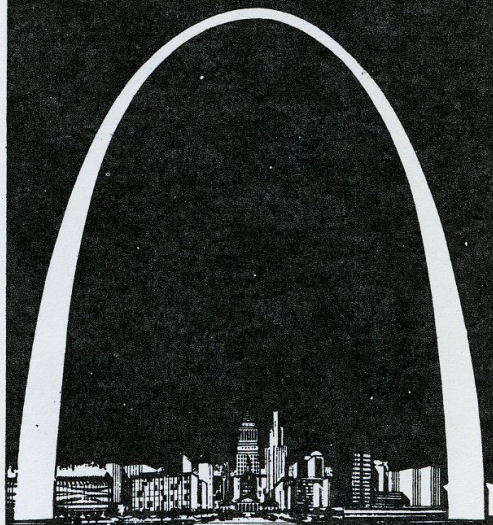
What contest innovations are planned?

What hotel will host the convention?

What there is to do in St. Louis?

THEN, READ PRESIDENT HARTE'S MESSAGE!

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A Word From The Editor . . .

Forensic Planning — Commitment to PKD

One of the necessary obsessions of modern life is that of short and long-range planning. We plan, among other things, cities, forests, parenthood, obsolescence, health, retirement, and death. Some teachers, like those in my institution, are required to set five-year goals for themselves, and at the end of the period they must indicate in writing their success or failure in carrying out their plans. Every student who is preparing for teaching knows the ring of the two words *lesson plans*.

Forensics, along with other cocurricular activities, demands careful planning. The first fall tournament has scarcely arrived before school funding agencies require that projected forensic budgets be submitted, some with line items, even though a Nobel prize economist could not accurately predict the percentage rise in rooms, food, travel, and registration fees. With the summer delivery of the AFA calendar, planning takes on a specific dimension as available funds are divided by x tournaments and x contestants. Invariably when goals and hopes are confronted by dollars and cents, practicality wins out. "If only . . ." is heard more frequently than "we can." But eventually a schedule is worked out, and then sloth, extenuating circumstances, emergencies, and disaster begin their power-play against dependability, persistence, discipline, and follow-through. Even the most carefully planned forensic program undergoes some adjustment.

One situation which minor changes cannot rectify is the failure to allocate funds for the PKD Nationals. Unlike the low budget, nearby tournament the biennial convention cannot be slotted on the spur of the moment; its high cost in time and money precludes incidental planning. Instead, the entire chapter must make a definite commitment to the concept of habitual attendance at the nationals.

I say *the entire chapter* because that is

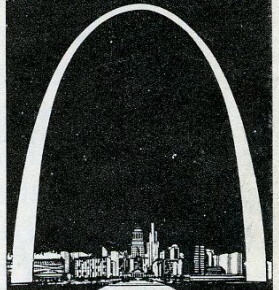
what it takes to sustain support for this selective activity. Unless the convention is held within one's province, only a small number — sometimes one or two students — can be financed to the conclave. This means that most of the members will be denied this privilege. Such exclusivity can generate jealousy in the group, and the many may not be willing to forego what only a few can have.

Only once have I personally encountered this problem, and when it arose I eventually had to take an adamant stand on my own commitment to PKD. As director of forensics I felt that it was my responsibility to see that our chapter met its obligation for regular attendance at the nationals and that no faction, not even the chapter itself, had a right — short of withdrawing from the fraternity — to decide that we would stay home from a nationals. To show my support for the concept of a national fraternity I put my forensic future on the line. The residual loyalty to PKD arose in the group, and Pennsylvania Iota was represented by three people. My experience, I am sure, is not unique.

Unless a chapter has an unlimited financial reserve (and I have never come across one that had), there is an urgent need to plan no later than now for the upcoming St. Louis Nationals. In April most financial resources will have run out and only allocated money will be available. Then, too, time itself may be scheduled beyond adjustment. Only if the sponsor and students *now* commit themselves to the 1979 Nationals will anyone from their chapter have the privilege of an unforgettable mid-April in St. Louis. And unless a significant number of chapters respond to their responsibility, the fraternity itself will lose some of the vitality which has made the past nationals such memorable experiences.

Carolyn Keefe

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***Doodles by
Vice-President
Jack Starr,
drawn at the 1978
Summer Meeting
of the PKD
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